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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- * The House will reconvene for its 14th Legislative Day on Friday, February 2, at 9:00 AM.
- * 3 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Thursday, February 1, 2007

13th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

RULES CALENDAR

HR 21 - Elbert Shaw, Jr. Regional Youth Detention Center; designate

- BILL SUMMARY: A resolution to honor Mr. Elbert Shaw Jr. for his many contributions he has given to Dalton, Georgia. The Dalton Regional Youth Detention Center staff would like to pay tribute to him by naming the detention center the Elbert Shaw Jr. Youth Detention Center.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- **Rule:** Open
- **Amendments(s):** N/A
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 0

** The House will reconvene Friday, February 2, at 9:00 AM, for its 14th Legislative Day of the 1st Regular Session of the 149th General Assembly.*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 14th Legislative Day, Friday, February 2, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

RULES CALENDAR FOR NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 39 - Public records; confidential information not disclosed; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 39 seeks to clarify language used in paragraph (a)(1) of O.C.G.A. 50-18-72, relating to exceptions and exemptions of the Georgia Open Records Act. Current law exempts public records "specifically required by the federal government to be kept confidential." The amendment clarifies that it is public records "specifically required by federal statute or regulation to be kept confidential."
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jill Chambers of the 81st
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

HB 81 - Salt water fishing; charter fishing guide and pier fishing licenses; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill comes from the findings and recommendations of a saltwater fishing guide work group facilitated and conducted by the Coastal Resources Division in 2006. The bill would define "salt water fishing guide," and salt water fishing pier," as well as make it unlawful for anyone to engage in the occupation of salt water fishing guide without holding a valid annual salt water fishing guide license. The fees for the license are \$25 resident and \$50 non-resident. The bill also creates an optional customer license that is available only to a salt water fishing guide who holds a USCG passenger vessel operator's license. Fees for the optional customer license would be: Resident, six or fewer

customers - \$150; Resident, unlimited customers - \$400; non-residents, regardless of number of customers - \$400. Finally, the bill authorizes the Department to use rule and regulations to specify information reporting requirements for salt water fishing guides and salt water fishing pier operators.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Cecily Hill of the 180th
- **House Committee:** Game, Fish, & Parks
- **Rule:** Open

HB 105 - Animals; poultry; revise certain provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** Due to administrative costs for collection of fees that exceed the amount collected for certain licenses required by the Department, this bill would give discretion to the Commissioner of Agriculture to charge reasonable license fees to offset the administrative costs to collect such fees. This would apply only to a rendering plant license, a poultry dealer, poultry broker, poultry market operator, or hatchery license. Additionally, this bill removes code section 4-7-5 relating to sulfaguanidine and sulfathiazole since those antibiotics are no longer used to treat poultry.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Gene Maddox of the 172nd
- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
- **Rule:** Open

** The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, February 2, at 8:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 15th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 211 - Tift County; Redevelopment Powers Law; authorize

- **BILL SUMMARY:** A Bill to authorize Tift County to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution's Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Austin Scott of the 153rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB 212 - City of Tifton; Redevelopment Powers Law; authorize

- **BILL SUMMARY:** A Bill to authorize the City of Tifton to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution's Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Austin Scott of the 153rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB 215 - State Court of Athens-Clarke County; office of the clerk; repeal provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** The Bill provides for an additional judge for the State Court of Athens-Clarke County, designates the present judge as Senior Judge, and provides salaries for each.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Keith G Heard of the 114th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB 223 - Carroll County; sales tax; educational purposes distribution; provide method

- **BILL SUMMARY:** The Bill provides for the distribution of the Carroll County sales tax for education among the Carroll County School System, the City of Carrollton School System, and that part of the City of Bremen School System located in Carroll County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Butler of the 18th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB 234 - Greene County; board of elections and registration; create

- **BILL SUMMARY:** The Bill creates a board of elections and registration for Greene County and establishes the powers and duties of the board.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mickey Channell of the 116th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Natural Resources & Environment

HR 56 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; raising full pool for Lake Lanier; urge to study

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Congress to begin a study of the costs and effects of adding to the storage capacities of all Corps reservoirs in the State of Georgia.
- **Authored By:** Rep. John Heard of the 104th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Regulated Industries

HB 90 - Funeral establishments; adequate stock of funeral caskets; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill says that the funeral establishments do not have to display actual caskets and allows them to display models, mock-ups or sections of caskets, all of which must be either available in stock or available for delivery within 24 hours. It also requires that each funeral establishment has in stock at least 8 funeral caskets and takes away from the board the ability to raise that requirement.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Sims of the 169th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

** Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office, and are then placed on the General Calendar.*



COMMITTEE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date/Time	Meeting Name	Location
Friday, February 2 9:00 AM	Tags & Titles Subcommittee Mtg.	515 CLOB
Friday, February 2 10:30 AM	Special Projects Subcommittee	506 CLOB

** This schedule is accurate at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To view the most up to date meeting schedule, please visit <http://www.legis.ga.gov> and click on Meeting Notices. To view the live streaming video of the meeting, please visit the Georgia Legislative Network website.*

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